

the unique requirements of mobile users for local, regional and nationwide wireless communications services.

To preserve this healthy competitive environment, the Commission should now clarify the applicability of the federal tariffing requirements to cellular carriers as set out above. Such measures are necessary to ensure full, fair, and effective competition in the mobile marketplace after AT&T v. FCC.

Respectfully submitted,

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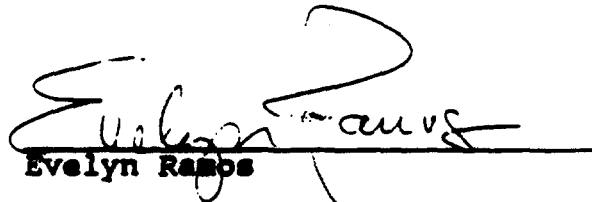
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Chairman Rosenthal and Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony regarding the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) actions to promote competition in the nationwide

Although the current level of cellular competition may not be optimal,⁷ I would like to stress two points in assessing the development of competition and the FCC's expectations for the future of competition in the cellular marketplace. First, when the FCC established the licensing system for accepting cellular applications in 1981 -- under which two carriers would compete in each cellular market -- the Commission noted that competition "will foster important public benefits of diversity of technology, service and price. . . ." With this duopoly market firmly established, the cellular industry has seen strong and steady growth, burgeoning demand, competition based on price and service.

San Francisco, Chicago and New York in 1994; and Dallas/Forth Worth and Houston in 1995.¹¹ With the Fleet Call/DisCom merger and with advances in equipment manufacturing, some expect SMR to offer comparable system cost structures and competitive pricing relative to cellular.¹²